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Dear Ms. Nguyen:

Pursuant to your recent request, enclosed herewith you will please find a Response to Request for Priority Information together with a Declaration of Mohamed Khalil. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mohammed Khalil

Serial No.: 09/973,299

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For: An Improved Assisted Power-Up and Hand-Off System and Method

Group Art Unit: 2135

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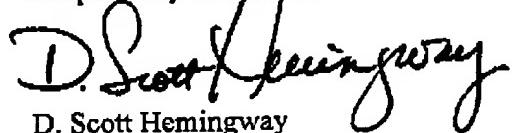
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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRIORITY INFORMATION

During the week of December 4, 2006, the Patent Examiner contacted the Applicant to determine if the inventor's conception date for the invention disclosed and claimed in the application pre-dated April 27, 2000. The Examiner indicated that if that was the case, she would withdraw the case from the pending Appeal, withdraw the Final Rejection, and issue a Notice of Allowability for the case. After a review of the conception activities of the inventors through discussions with Mr. Khalil, the first named inventor on the Application, the Applicant submits herewith a declaration from Mr. Khalil that indicates that the conception date of the subject application pre-dates April 27, 2000.

Accordingly, pending claims 1-20 are believed to be allowable, and the Applicant requests issuance of the Notice of Allowability. It is believed that no additional fees are necessary for this filing. If additional fees are required for filing this response, then the appropriate fees should be deducted from D. Scott Hemingway's Deposit Account No. 501,270.

Respectfully submitted,



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